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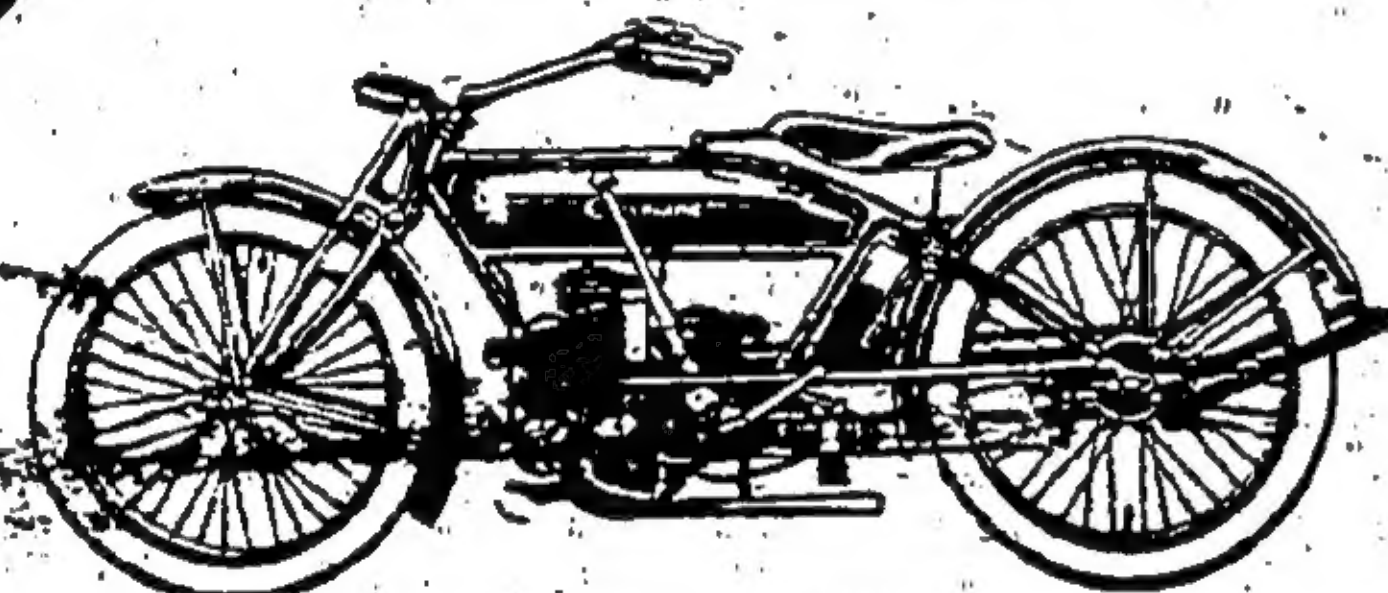
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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

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### HONGKONG MAN'S VIEW.

LONDON, December 28.

T. B. Partington, of A. B. Moulder and Co., writing from Hongkong, in a special article in the newspaper *Financier* on trade openings in China, asseverates that Chinese merchants want gentlemen as representatives in China, of which at present good men are very few and insufficient to cope with the volume of business. He alleges that since the armistice the representatives he has met had better stay at home as by falling foul of the Chinese they are ineffectual.

### D'ANNUNZIO ASSAILED.

EARLY OCCUPATION OF FIUME EXPECTED.

### FIERCE FIGHTING.

Rome, December 28.

The events in Fiume have left a painful impression and, it is feared, will cause an agitation in the country. The theatres in Milan were closed. The Government has issued a warning that demonstrators in favour of D'Annunzio will be severely punished. Signor Giolitti informed the anxious deputies that troops had been ordered as far as possible to avoid bloodshed at Fiume whose occupation is expected to be completed to-day. He denied the report that D'Annunzio had been killed or wounded or that private houses at Fiume were shelled, although he admitted that a warship fired a few rounds at D'Annunzio's headquarters and barracks.

Unofficial accounts of the fighting confirm the report that the Italians refrained from using their artillery although they encountered houses transformed into machine gun nests and the streets were defended by barbed wire. Fighting was fierce. A rebel armoured car made a desperate stand and its crew were killed before the car was captured.

A message from Trieste on December 27 stated: Firing continued to-day. The investing forces have been reinforced. The Mayor of Fiume requested an interview with the commander of the Abazia division which was granted.

### ARMED GERMANY.

DISARMAMENT QUESTION REACHES CRITICAL STAGE.

### ENERGETIC ALLIED NOTE.

LONDON, December 28.

The question of the disarmament of Germany has reached a critical stage owing to the failure of the German Government to carry out the provisions of the Spa agreement. A conference of ambassadors in Paris decided to refer the matter again to their respective governments. According to the *Echo de Paris*, although the German regular army has been reduced to the 100,000 stipulated for January 1, Germany still retains an armed force of about 300,000, including police and customs officers, and forest guards, besides irregular organisations formed during the revolution comprising 2,000,000 men with over 1,000,000 rifles and a number of machine guns. According to *Vorwarts*, the Allied reply to the German refusal to disband the civil guard in East Prussia and Bavaria, which is couched in very energetic terms, calls on Germany to respect the Allied decisions.

### NEW YORK HARBOUR BOATMEN TO STRIKE.

New York, December 28.

The harbour boatmen's union, which has voted for a strike on January 1, is sympathetically supported by the masters, mates, and pilots' union, involving altogether 5,000 men who refuse to accept a 60-hour week.

### PROTECTING THE PANAMA CANAL.

WASHINGTON, December 28.

The fortifications committee is shortly introducing a bill in Congress by which the Panama Canal will be made impregnable against attacks from the air, land, and sea.

### NEW CANADIAN DRY DOCK.

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, December 28.

The Government has contracted with Messrs. Lyall and Sons, of Montreal, to construct a dry dock at the Esquimalt navy yard costing \$4,300,000.

### CHRISTMAS IN IRELAND.

LONDON, December 28.

Altogether eleven persons were killed and several injured, two banks were robbed, and newspaper offices in Dublin and Cork were attacked during the Christmas holidays in Ireland.

### FACTION FIGHTS.

### MURDER AVERTED.

### POLICE QUELL LOCAL DISTURBANCES.

Six Fukien Chinese were this morning charged with riotous and disorderly behaviour by fighting at No. 81, Connaught Road West, yesterday morning.

Inspector Wilks said that yesterday morning the West Point police received a call in connection with an armed robbery at No. 81, Connaught Road. A strong posse at once turned out, only to find on arrival that a false alarm had been given. A faction fight, however, was in progress but

was stopped without difficulty when the accused were arrested. While the police were engaged in quelling this disturbance, a serious crime was committed in another part of the district in connection with the same trouble. The Inspector added that while he was not pressing for a heavy penalty, he would like it to be impressed on the accused that they could not do as they liked. They gave the police a lot of trouble by breaking out again in the afternoon, and drastic measures had to be taken to stop the affray. There was no doubt that had the police not been prompt in both cases the trouble would have ended in murder. This house in question was used as a police lodging house. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5 on each of the accused.

## THE DOLLAR.

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### EA LIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

### RUSSIAN REFUGEES.

PARIS, December 28th.

The remnants of General Wrangel's Army, which are scattered over Constantinople, Yugo-Slavia, and Tunis, are becoming a source of anxiety. The conditions of 30,000 refugees in Catania, especially, are disgusting, owing to the ravages of typhus, the absence of accommodation, and lack of communications in the country, which is a rocky desert. French newspapers declare that France cannot indefinitely provide the wants of 70,000 Russians, who must find work to earn their living, instead of complaining.

### GERMAN GRIEVANCES.

BERLIN, December 28th.

The Foreign Minister, Herr von Simons, in an article in the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, declares that the more the Treaty of Versailles is carried into effect the worse becomes the position of the German people, and he complains, especially, of the Allies hindering the maintenance of civil order by preventing the co-operation of various volunteer organisations. He believes, however, that the businesslike proceedings of the Reparations experts at Brussels indicate that Germany's war debt will be fixed within reasonable limits.

### CLYDE ENGINEERING OUTPUT.

LONDON, December 28th.

The shipbuilding and engineering output of the Clyde works in 1920 was as follows:—563 vessels of 669,060 tons were launched and 655,917 horse-power machinery constructed for merchantmen, as compared with 519 vessels of 625,454 tons and 1,500,000 horse-power machinery last year.

### CRISIS IN FIUME.

Rome, December 28th.

So far the Italian Regulars have lost 30 killed and 100 wounded in the fighting against D'Annunzio's Legionaries. The latter have broken up four bridges on the Recina river. The Municipal Council in Rome has adjourned after ordering the flag on the Capitol to be half-masted, as an expression of its anxiety regarding events in Fiume.

### RUSSIAN CONSULATE.

### HONGKONG OFFICE.

TO BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 1ST.

The following correspondence has taken place between the Russian Consul in Hongkong and the Government of the Colony:—  
Hongkong, Nov. 29, 1920.  
Sir,—Under circumstances over which I have no control I am forced to close the Russian Consulate at Hongkong soon.

The liquidation of the affairs of the Consulate necessarily occupy some time, and I will have the honour to inform you later of the definite date of the closing of that institution which has been in my charge during the last ten years.

In asking you to bring this to the knowledge of His Excellency the Governor, I take the opportunity to offer you the assurances of my high consideration and very sincere thanks for your assistance and invariable courtesy.

(Sd.) V. D'ORTINGEN.

The Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, Nov. 29, 1920.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 468 of the 29th November in which you report that the Russian Consulate at Hongkong is about to be closed.

I am to express the regret of this Government at the coming termination of the cordial relations which it has maintained with you over so long a period; and I take the opportunity to thank you for the valuable assistance and advice which you have so frequently given in all matters relating to Russian affairs.

I assure you of my highest consideration.—I am, etc.

(Sd.) M. FLETCHER.

Colonial Secretary,  
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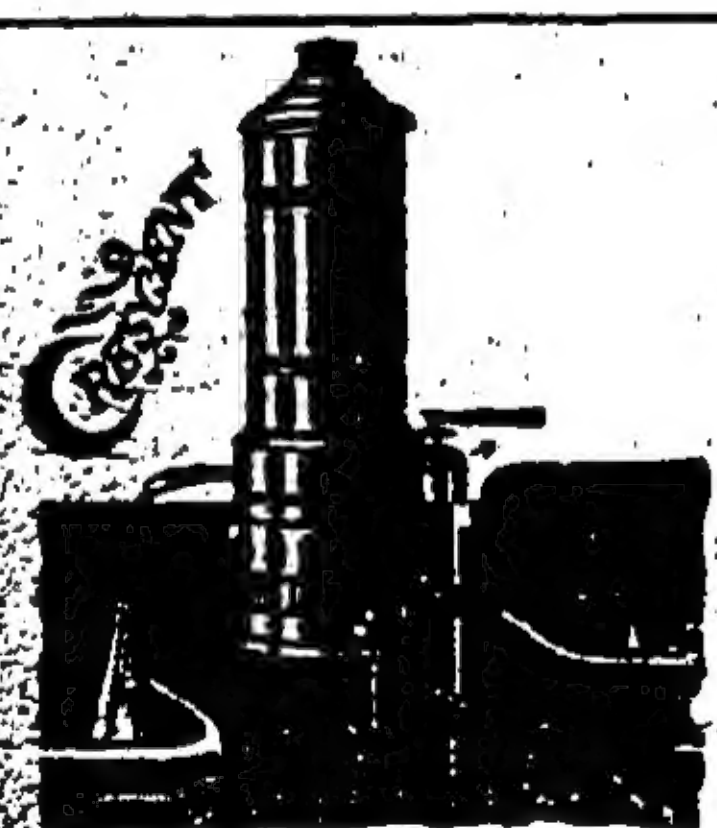
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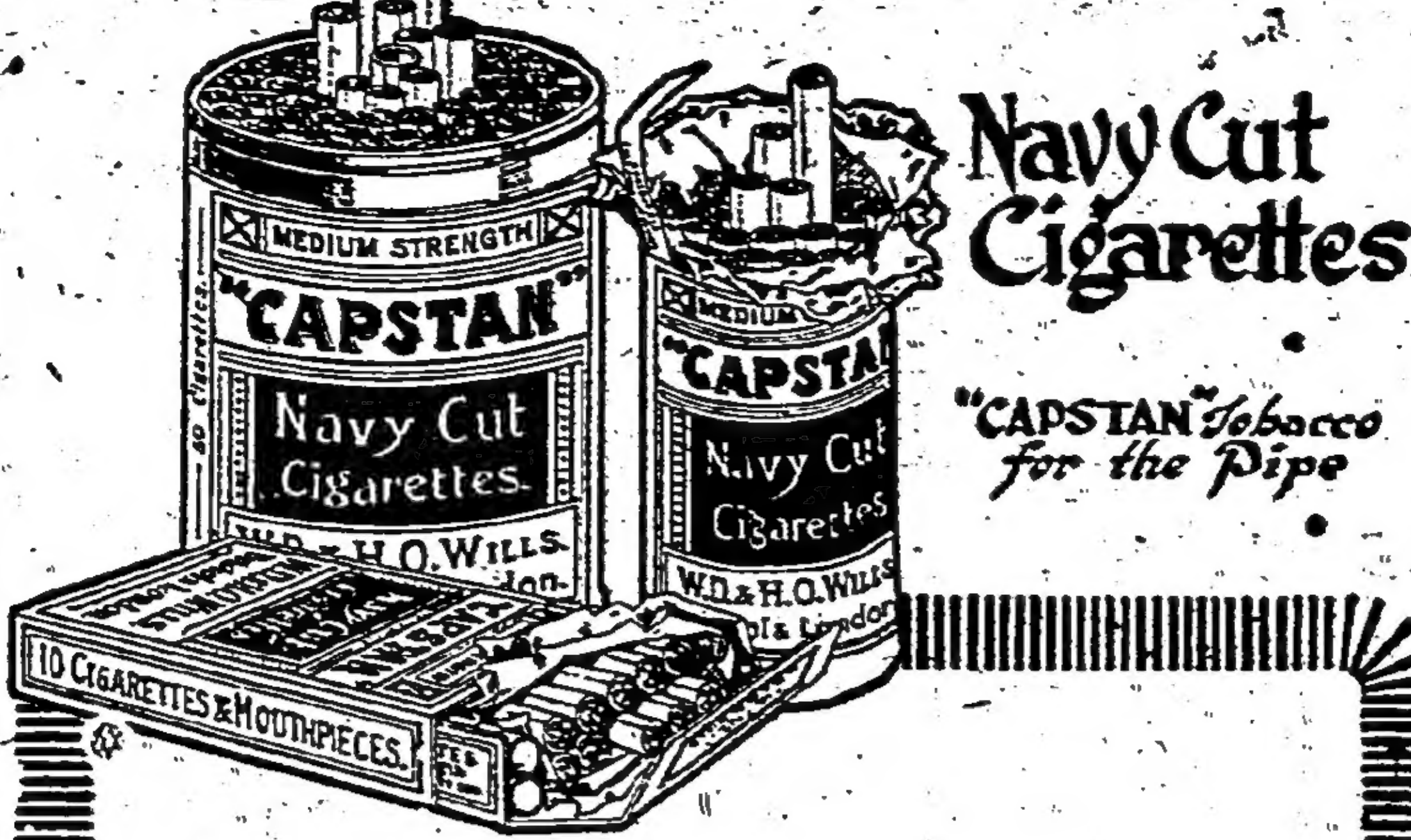
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## ANNUAL DINNER.

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The annual dinner of the China Association was held on November 11, at the Hotel Cecil, London, Mr. F. Anderson, Chairman of the Association, presiding. The following is a list of the members and guests who were present:—Sir George V. Fiddes, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Rt. Hon. Sir John Jordan, G.C.I.E., K.C.B., P.C., etc., Sir John Tilley, K.C.B., Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, K.C.B., Sir Charles Addis, Sir Richard Dane, K.C.I.E., Sir Henry May, G.C.M.G., Sir Stuart Fraser, K.C.S.I., Sir Arthur Smar, C.I.E., Brigadier-General J. L. Rose, Sir John McLeary Brown, Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. H. H. Fox, C.M.G., Dr. H. B. Morse, L.L.D., Sir E. Denison Ross, Mr. Byron Brennan, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. John D. MacAfee, Messrs. Claude Severn, C.M.G., J. W. Jamieson, C.M.G., H. Wellesley, A. G. Morey, Wessie, F. J. Abbott, Oram W. Adams, T. H. U. Aldridge, F. Anderson, A. G. Angier, C. M. Bain, Charles H. Bates, W. C. Barrett, Cuthbert H. Bell, H. T. M. Bell, S. S. Benjamin, R. Blackwell, J. W. C. Bonner, E. T. Bond, C. C. Boyd, H. R. Boyd, C.B.E., R. E. S. Branson, Thomas Brown, J. S. Bruce, F. H. Bugbird, W. B. Burton-Baldry, Wm. Buyers, Allan Cameron, Capt. Alistair Campbell, Messrs. Robt. Carr, A. K. Carr, A. R. Cadell, A. C. Clear, P. Crighton, Alex. Cumming, F. H. Crossley, W. A. Cruickshank, Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G., Messrs. J. M. Dickinson, F. D'Almeida, R. P. Dipple, Fred Dodwell, Geo. B. Dodwell, Guy F. Dodwell, L. G. Selwyn Dodwell, Stanley H. Dodwell, Wilfred S. Dodwell, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, M. E. Duffett, Donald A. Elliott, Percival G. Fawcett, T. J. Fisher, W. Fisher, J. P. Wade Gardner, H. J. Gedde, Dr. Lionel G. Giles, Messrs. E. E. A. Grindley, Rowland M. Hall, E. H. Hancock, H. E. D. Hancock, H. S. Hancock, Horace G. Harwood, J. S. Haskell, George Hastings, John Hastings, Major D. Hill, Robert H. Hill, E. L. Hope, Edgar J. Houle, H. E. R. Hunter, Robert Inglis, H. D. C. Jones, H. H. Joseph, E. J. Judah, Leonard Kerr, David Landale, H. G. A. Leveson, J. H. Little, Charles Mackintosh, L.L.D., J. H. Macdonald, D. Macdonald, H. A. J. Macry, Harry Mainland, Dr. Robert H. Martin, Messrs. Reginald F. C. Master, C. W. May, Dr. Gould May, Messrs. Sidney Mayers, W. R. McCollum, J. Robertson-McLennan, R. Michael, Sidney Michael, Leonard Middleton, Geo. Miller, Harold S. Moss, E. R. Morris, D. J. Muirhead, Charles E. Musgrave, W. P.

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THE CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW OF EVENTS.  
After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Chairman proposed "Prosperity to the China Association." He said: Since we met here last year, in the East as in the West there has been a great deal of unrest in both the economic and the political spheres. As regards the economic situation, many people a year ago were looking forward to a prolonged period of activity throughout, during which the great depletion in the resources of the country caused by the war might at any rate have been partially made good. For various reasons there has been a reaction, and we are now passing through a time of depression, if not of anxiety. The recoil from the highly inflated values of last spring in both silver and commodities was bound to come sooner or later. It has come sooner than perhaps most of us expected. We can only hope that the severity of the fall will lead to a renewal of commercial activity, and that confidence, which is the life blood of commerce, will be restored before long. If that restoration of confidence is to take place, much will depend upon how the problems of political unrest are handled. We have many difficulties of our own here at home and in Europe generally, but there is also a great deal of political unrest throughout the East and, perhaps not least of all, in China. We have recently seen a change in the Government of the two Republics on each side of the Pacific Ocean. In America the change of Government came after a raging and tearing contest extending throughout the country over many months and settled by some thirty million electors recording their votes. In China one group of military Tschuns suddenly threatened the principal members of the Government in power, forcibly drove them from office, and tried to arrest them. The fallen Government took refuge in one of the foreign legations. Now, while it looked as if that change of Government had no connection with the people at all, in reality the movement, in which Mr. Pei-hu took the leading part, had the force of public opinion behind it. Doubtless that in

some extent accounted for the fall of the Anfu Government. According to the Press, many leaders of the student agitation in China are anxious for some approach to American procedure in China. If this were to happen there would be an agitation all over China appealing to fifty to a hundred million electors, which would end in disruption and disaster, especially as there would be hundreds and hundreds of Bolshevik mischief-makers ready to aid in stirring up trouble all over the country.

It is true that internal economic life in China is not seriously disturbed by ordinary political changes which take place, but as long as this continual agitation goes on there is a great danger that popular agitation will get out of hand, and it would therefore seem to be wiser for old regime officials to meet the legitimate demands of the constitutional party and try to arrange some form of Parliamentary control. However, the Chinese, I am convinced, are wise in their day and generation in moving slowly in regard to fundamental political changes. (Hear, hear.) Changes must come; they are coming, but we hope that the whole influence of this country will be against any form of outside interference. (Hear, hear.) This has sometimes been suggested merely because there is a semblance of civil war in China—because, after all, it is only a semblance of civil war. The Chinese will work out their own salvation in time if left alone. However, there is this broad fact, that there has been a huge loss of life and resources in the West during four years. During that period there has been a very considerable increase in the population of the East, and also a considerable increase in their wealth. This increase of population means that the struggle for existence amongst the masses is increasing in intensity, and how to deal with that question is one of the great problems of the future. Mr. Bland, whom we all recognise as a great authority on things connected with the East, advises that the only solution of this question is a prolonged period of empty cradles. Well, I am afraid that the Chinese will be like the deaf adder that stoppeth up her ears and will not listen to the charmer, charm he never so wisely. It will take a great deal more than a few newspaper or magazine articles to convince the Chinaman that he will be better able to speak with his enemy in the gate if his quiver were empty. (Laughter.) Whatever may be in the distant future, it seems to me that for the present the essential thing for China is to provide more employment for the increasing population by developing the resources of the country and more especially in the immediate future increasing the means of communication. (Applause.) It must be clear to all Chinese that they would have been able to deal more effectively with this terrible famine in Houan if the railway communication had been

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AN ASSORTMENT OF  
**HOUSEHOLD LINENS, &c.,**  
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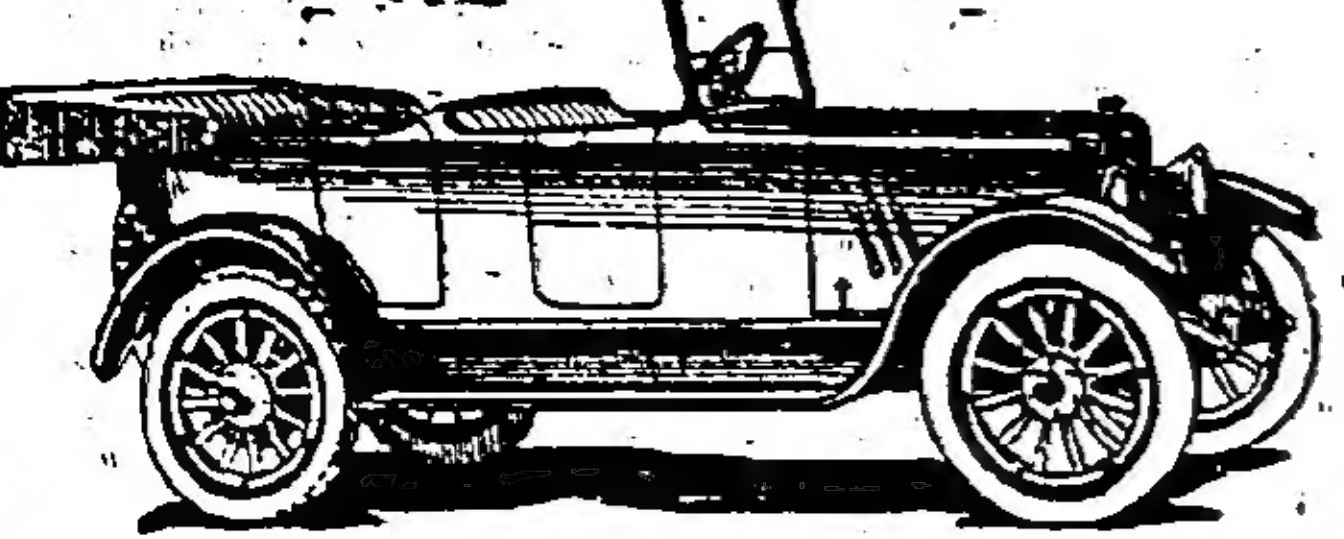






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## OFFICIALS HONOURED.

(Continued from page 4.)

He had laid quite bare his line of action (continued Mr. Hallifax); he hoped that gathering would accept it as an acquittal of the charge of unfairness in the same way that individuals had already accepted it. There was no trick in it; he had no trick in the management of his office (laughter).—He was grateful for a good many things to Sir Henry May and remembered one thing Sir Henry told him on arrival: "Don't try bluff in the conduct of your office. You will be seen through every time." (laughter).—He would not if he could; his endeavour had been to try and get the confidence of those with whom he had to deal, and to do that he must get into much closer touch with a large proportion of that half-million to which reference had been made—much more than half of whom had not yet got the "father-and-mother" idea and perhaps looked upon him still as an official enemy. In conclusion, Mr. Hallifax said he was deeply sensible of the honour that the Chinese community had paid the officials and the Government service in general in extending that invitation. Just to justify his position as Secretary for Chinese Affairs he would use his "short game" to the extent of two words: "Tsoi Kim" (au revoir) and "Yam Sing" (drink up your wine). (Applause).

THE HON. MR. HO FOOK. The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook in proposing the health of "Our Other Guests," said—Your Excellency and gentlemen—Almost exactly ten months ago, in this hotel, in this very hall, and on an occasion similar in character to that of this evening, I had to perform a task in no way different from the duty now assigned to me. Such a function can repeat itself as often as circumstances call for it, without in any way losing the keen edge of the pleasure which it imparts; but a speech on the same theme, to be delivered by the same person, whose power of inventiveness, like mine, is undeveloped, cannot stand the same recurring process. (laughter).—Having this in mind, I at first declined to undertake the job, but our worthy Chairman would not let me off. I then thought of making my old speech serve again, but a kind friend reminded me that, though human memory might be short, the newspaper-files would make inconvenient witnesses. (laughter).—That friendly reminder dissipated my last hope. And so I am now standing before you without anything new or interesting to say. But fortunately for me, I have still one idea, one sentiment left—a sentiment which, though as old as this Colony itself, will assuredly commend itself to you all. It is the sentiment that gatherings of this nature in which the East and the West join hands, as it were, in a spirit of good fellowship, must do incalculable good to the Colony. (Applause).—And their value is greatly enhanced, as on this occasion, by the gracious presence of our revered Governor. (Applause).—On the last occasion I alluded to, His Excellency did us a similar honour, which testifies to the interest he takes in our welfare. Needless to say, the hosts of this evening highly appreciate, as must do the whole Chinese community, and they are no less appreciative of the compliment which the other distinguished guests have paid us by participating in this function. (Applause).—I am not going to tell each of them what a fine fellow he is. (laughter).—It is unnecessary. All that I am going to do is to thank them on behalf of my fellow-hosts and myself for their presence, and to assure them of our high esteem and regard. (Applause).—With these few uninteresting but sincere remarks, I will leave upon my country's guests, associating with the toast the name of Sir Reginald Stubbs, who by his rare qualities has already won the admiration of the whole community. (Applause).

MR. JUSTICE GOMPERTZ. His Excellency the Governor said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I think that on the occasion to which Mr. Ho Fook has so eloquently alluded, I must have responded on behalf of the other guests, and I feel quite sure that I said then the appropriate things to say, and that if I were to repeat them I should, as Mr. Ho Fook said, be convicted by the files of the local Press of repeating myself, a thing which I should be very sorry to do, and I am sure you would be sorry too. (laughter).—I will, therefore, only say, on behalf of my fellow guests, that

## SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

## ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT.

PHOSPHATE OF LIME SOLD.

A suit of the China Overseas Trading Company, Ltd., against Yan Fat & Company, 36 Bonham Strand East, for \$874.40 for damages sustained by an alleged breach of contract, was heard in the Summary Court this morning by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood. It was claimed that the defendants failed to take delivery of twenty tons of phosphate of lime, which they had ordered in a contract entered into with the plaintiffs.

Mr. Blake appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. Mason for the defendants. Witnesses for the plaintiffs testified that they had bought the phosphate of lime from the Chief Officer of the ship on which it had arrived, and that the goods consisted of sweepings from the vessel. The price paid was \$45 a ton. This was in July. On July 10 the contract for the sale to the defendants was signed, and on July 11 the phosphate of lime was removed to a godown. Defendants had been shown a sample of the goods; but had not inspected the goods at the godown before the signing of the contract. Defendants had asked for more time in which to take delivery, and then had offered to pay compensation, increasing the offer from \$200 to \$300. Plaintiffs had refused the offer. The phosphate of lime had been sold to another firm by private arrangement.

we thank you very much for having given us the opportunity of being present to meet so many prominent members of the Chinese community and do honour to our distinguished colleagues, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Hallifax. It is a pleasure to all of us to be present on these occasions and to testify in that way, as Mr. Ho Fook has said, to the unity of the people of Hongkong in general—Chinese and Europeans. I feel sure that the sentiments of mutual esteem are those which animate us on occasions of this kind. Speaking for myself and the Government, I should like to emphasise a remark of Mr. Fletcher's with regard to the duty of the Chinese towards the Government. I have been associated with Government for a good many years, and I regret to say that I find that criticism in the West generally starts from the assumption that the Government has always got some ulterior motive, and that it is a motive that would probably not bear investigation. I have not found that amongst the Chinese. I have always found that they regard us as, possibly, rather a stupid people, but as a people who really endeavour to do their best, and a people whom it had pleased Providence to put in control. I am very glad that the Chinese should have that feeling, and as they have that feeling it means that their comments and criticisms are helpful. After all that is the one excuse for comment and criticism. I think that if you refer to the remarks I made ten months ago you will probably find there everything which I ought to say on this occasion, and I shall not detain you further, but merely express, on behalf of my fellow guests, thanks for your hospitality and our appreciation of the opportunity which you have given us to meet you. (Applause).

MR. JUSTICE GOMPERTZ. Mr. Justice Gompertz said:—Your Excellency, Mr. Chairman and all our kind hosts, I may say that when I accepted your very kind invitation to attend here to-night, I did not expect I would have to get up and make a speech. I am but one of the other guests, one of the "also rans." But it is a very pleasant task that I should ask you to drink the health of our genial Chairman. His native language is Chinese, and he must, therefore, speak it better than he does English, but for one find it difficult to believe that he can speak any language better than he does our own. I do not want to weary you with long iterations. As a sage told us long ago "The Queen's Road from end to end is paved with good intentions." (laughter).—But on behalf of your guests to-night, our kind hosts, I ask you, and I ask my fellow guests to join with you in toasting Mr. Lau Chupak—(Applause).

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## FOUR PERSONS KILLED.

CREW AND PASSENGERS ROBBED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WUCHOW, Dec. 26.

The "Tin Cheong," a motor vessel belonging to Banker & Co., which left Wuchow yesterday morning at daylight for Nanning, was captured about 9 a.m. when off Lung Yuen, by pirates who were among the passengers. Three Chinese guards and a boy, a member of the ship's crew, were killed.

When they had taken possession of the vessel, the pirates proceeded to rob all on board. Passengers and crew alike had their money, valuables, and clothing taken from them. The pirates then ran the boat into the bank and disappeared.

General Li Yu Hon, late Civil Governor of Canton, went to Shu-ching with his family on the 24 inst.

On Christmas Day the Samsui Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Seyerfall, accompanied by his wife, paid a visit to the Commissioner at Wuchow.

## MAJOR-GENERAL VENTRIS.

## FAREWELL PARADE.

## PRESENTATION OF DECORATIONS.

A very impressive ceremony was witnessed on the Murray Parade ground yesterday when a farewell parade was held in honour of Major-General F. Ventris, C.B., who retires shortly after having been in command of the troops in China for the past five and a half years. The parade was also made the occasion for the presentation, by the General, of war and other decorations to a number of officers, N.C.O.s and men.

The parade mustered under Major Law as follows:—

Royal Garrison Artillery, 50 strong; Royal Engineers, 20 strong; and 2nd Bn. Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment, 350.

The General Salute was given on the arrival of General Ventris and Staff. The General then proceeded to inspect each unit in turn. Afterwards a hollow square was formed in the middle of the parade ground, from the centre of which Major-General Ventris distributed decorations. In a few words of farewell he congratulated the Royal Garrison Artillery on the fine work they had done during the war. The safety of the port had very largely depended on their efficiency and the manner in which they had carried out their duties. He also expressed his appreciation of the high order of efficiency always maintained in the Engineer units and mentioned that thoroughness in this branch of the service was invaluable to the composite force of a garrison or army in the field. Addressing the Wiltshire Regiment, General Ventris said he had, and always would have, a warm spot in his heart for them. When he mobilised he was sent to the delightful county of Wiltshire. He hoped the regiment would have a pleasant stay in Hongkong, and that when they were transferred to India they would have a pleasant station.

The General distributed medals to the following, shaking hands with each recipient:—

Major Timmis (Wiltshire Regiment), the M.C., for distinguished conduct in the first battle of Ypres, between October 18 and 24, 1914.

Major G. N. Humphries, R.A.S.C.—The D.S.O.

Captain H. S. Mills, A.E.S.—The M.B.E.

Q.M.S. G. Smith, R.E.—M.B.E.

The following decorations were also handed to N.C.O.s and men of the Wiltshire Battalion:—

Bandmaster J. W. Easton—Long Service and Good Conduct.

Sergeant T. Reeves—Meritorious Service Medal, and 1914-15 Star.

Sergeant C. Scudamore—Territorial Force Efficiency Medal.

Sergeant W. C. Woodward—1914-15 Star.

Pte. T. J. Orr—1914 Star.

A/Sgt. C. Beard—1914 Star.

L/Cpl. T. J. Rogers—1914-15 Star.

Pte. S. J. Woodward—1914-15 Star.

L/Cpl. R. G. Harris—1914-15 Star.

Sergeant F. C. Grace—1914-15 Star.

Pte. A. J. Huntley—1914-15 Star.

Pte. W. Andrews—1914-15 Star.

Pte. W. A. Tanner—1914-15 Star.

Pte. C. Joyce—1914-15 Star.

Pte. E. Lane—1914-15 Star.

Pte. G. Penfold—1914-15 Star.

L/Cpl. F. B. Trivett—1914-15 Star.

Pte. E. Perrett—1914-15 Star.

Pte. H. Read—1914-15 Star.

L/Cpl. C. Cowley—1914-15 Star.

L/Cpl. F. W. Hawkins—1914-15 Star.

Pte. G. Elms—1914-15 Star.

Pte. F. G. Chown—1914-15 Star.

Pte. W. J. Dyke—1914-15 Star.

C. Crookes—1914-15 Star.

Pte. E. Whitaker—1914-15 Star.

The record of Bandmaster Easton was read on the ground. It stated that he enlisted at the age of 14 in the 12th Northumberland Fusiliers, on May 11, 1901. He was promoted warrant officer, class I, on January 1, 1913, and appointed Bandmaster to the Second Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment.

## YAUMATI TRAGEDY.

## LATE LANCE SERGT. GARDINER.

## FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

The remains of the late Lance Sergeant P. C. Gardiner, of the Hongkong Police Force, who met his death in tragic circumstances at Yaumati on Monday night, were laid to rest at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday evening.

The coffin was brought over from the Kowloon mortuary by steam launch and transferred to a gun-carriage at Observation Pier where the procession was formed in the following order:—

Band of the Wiltshire Regiment playing Chopin's "Funeral March"; the gun-carriage drawn by eight Lance Sergeants of the Police Force. Immediately behind the gun-carriage walked the other Lance Sergeants, who were followed by Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., C.S.P., Mr. T. H. Hing, D.S.P., Chief Police Inspector Kerr, Chief Detective Inspector Morrison, Police Inspectors O'Sullivan, Gerrard, Garrod, Grant, Appleton, Kent, Moore, Birchall, Eamer, Jackson, Paterson, Colford, Gordon, Caygill, Ogg, Murphy, Spear, Mohinder Singh, Cockle, Nabob Khan, European Revenue Officers, European Jail Warders, and the Indian and Chinese members of the Force. The general public brought up the rear.

The coffin was met at the cemetery gate by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyie who led the procession to the grave where he read a very impressive burial service. The coffin was borne to the grave on the upper part of the cemetery, by six of the deceased's colleagues.

After the coffin had been lowered into the grave, it was filled by members of the Force.

A large number of wreaths were placed on the grave, including those from the following:—No. 2 Police Station, Sergeants' Mess, Central Station, Water Police Station, deceased comrades of the Yaumati Police Mess, Central Sanitary Department, The Indian Police, European Revenue Officers, the Staff of Victoria Gaol, Sub-Inspectors and Sergeants of Central Police Station, Sergeants' Mess, Wiltshire Regiment, Sergeants of Water Police, Chinese detectives, Inspector Ng Muk and all Chinese constables, Naval Yard Police, Mr. G. N. Orme, Mr. N. L. Smith, Chief Inspector and Mrs. Kerr, Chief Detective Inspector Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, Inspector and Mrs. Purden, Inspector Grant, Inspector and Mrs. O'Sullivan, Inspector and Mrs. Eamer, Inspector Gordon, Inspector and Mrs. Appleton, Inspector and Mrs. Moore, Inspector and Mrs. Garrod and family, Inspector and Mrs. Caygill, Inspector Cockle, Inspector Gerrard, Sergeant McCall, Sub-Inspector and Mrs. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Krooch, Mr. and Mrs. Millington, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clark, and Mr. E. T. W. Slay.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on SATURDAY, the 1st January, 1921.

Hongkong, December 23, 1920.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after 4th January, 1921, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before January 11th, 1921, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on January 4th at 10 a.m. by the Company's Surveyors Messrs Goddard & Douglas.

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## CHINA ASSOCIATION.

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Great care will have to be exercised to respect the very natural susceptibilities of the Chinese people, to convince them that the interests of their country and the interests of the Consortium are identical, and that we recognize—and I sometimes wish that our Chinese friends would recognize it as much as we do—that their reign which is worth the name must come from within, and that, as your chairman has truly said, if China is to be saved, it must be by her own exertions. (Applause.) All that any external body can do is to offer advice and assistance. I believe that China will be well advised to accept that offer of the Great Powers in the spirit in which it is made, but I also recognize that it is possible that that offer may be rejected. Well, I am prepared to face even that eventualities. Even if it should take place, the Consortium would still remain a potent instrument for good, as it has already proved itself in these days in helping to remove those national misunderstandings which separate nations one from another. Continued with wisdom and moderation it will, I believe, serve to knit still further together those nations which have joined it. I know that opinions differ as to the value of the League of Nations, but I suppose that there is no one in this room who, at the present juncture in the world's affairs, does not feel the urgent need for a League of Nations. Is it too much to say that here at your hand is at least the semblance of a league of nations which by God's grace may yet serve to lay one more stone on the foundations of that temple of Peace which men must somehow or other strive to build if the world is not to be hurled back at some time or another into the anarchy of war, and if we are to hand on unimpaired to our children the heritage which our fathers have wrought for us? So runs my dream. (Applause.)

"OUR GUESTS."

Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, in proposing this toast, said: It is my privilege to-night to propose the toast of "Our Guests." On this the 2nd anniversary of the Armistice, we are indeed proud to have with us two distinguished representatives of the Army and the Navy, Brig-General J. L. Rose and Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson. (Hear, hear.) The name of Jimmy Rose will be familiar to those of you who were out in Shanghai at the time of the Boxer rising. I cannot find that the gallant admiral is identified with China except possibly fraternally, but it is enough for us that he is the commander of the 2nd Battle Squadron of the Atlantic Fleet. In honouring these gallant officers to-night, especially, we feel that we are also doing honour to the two great services which they represent, and to them, together with the Mercantile Marine, we owe our very existence to-day. (Applause.) We are also delighted to welcome several prominent members of the Foreign Office and the Colonial Office. A predecessor in proposing this toast appears to have alluded to these gentlemen with bated breath; in fact, one of them went so far as to say that it was not considered etiquette even to mention their names, but our Secretary informs me that I can do this, and therefore I tell you that we have with us Sir George Fiddies and Mr. E. A. Grindle, from the Colonial Office, and Sir John Tilley and Mr. H. Wellesley, from the Foreign Office. As we welcome these gentlemen here to-night I believe that we should even more heartily welcome them at a similar function in the Far East itself. Far be it from me to dare attempt teach those two great Departments their business, but I cannot help sometimes feeling that if our Home officials—especially our permanent Home officials—could go out to the East and look at things for themselves as they are out there, they might better interpret and appreciate the representations made to them by the services abroad, and by this Association in particular. (Applause.) For instance, I should like to see Sir John Tilley or Mr. Wellesley out in Shanghai spending, say, a month or so, as an experiment, attending to the duties of a Consul official doing his best to uphold the prestige of the British Empire on consular salary. (Laughter and applause.) I am sure that they would have a very enlightening and interesting experience, and it might—I do not say it would lead to a redressing of a grievance which this Association is never tired of airing. We are also delighted to see Sir Richard Dane. We always look upon him as one of the finest examples of which tact and patience can accomplish with the Chinese. (Hear, hear.) I was disappointed on being shown the list of guests to find that there was no ex-Governor of my colony, Hongkong, on that list, but on arriving here to-night I was delighted, and I am sure we all were, to see Sir Henry May. Sir Henry is a host to-night, and therefore not within my province. I asked our Secretary why I was that he was not a guest, and he told me, at least, that Sir Henry was so many times and failed to get him that he thought that if we left him alone this year, with that characteristic pervasiveness of the Irish, he

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ordered to provide it. In due course I found myself walking up and down outside the institution of which I had the honour to be vice-chairman, performing the duty which came to be known as "guarding one's overdraft." (Laughter.) I suppose I must have presented a curious sight in a pair of shorts about three sizes too large and a tunic about four sizes too small (Laughter.) Anyway, I appeared to be the centre of all eyes, and one Chinese client of ours seemed to take special interest in me. He studied me from all angles, and next morning he came into the office and said to me with a great deal of agitation: "You No. 2 man this large bank. How fashion you make dam fool soldier pidgin?" (Laughter.) Nothing I could say would dissuade him from his determination to escape to Canton, and he and hundreds—I believe thousands—of his friends and countrymen followed him to Canton, but in spite of their lack of faith in old England, they took away all their money in Hongkong and Shanghai bank-notes. (Laughter.)

That guard was a memorable one. The Bank provided liquid refreshments *ad lib.* in the guard room, and I remember Mr. Severn, who was temporarily in charge, calling me round about ten days after its existence and showing me the bill for the liquid refreshments, and asking me to give my candid opinion, as a private and as a director of the bank, as to whether the guard should be continued. In spite of my interest in my copatives, I had to tell him that I thought it would be cheaper in the long run to let the Treasury look after itself. (Laughter.)

Now I come to the illustrious name with which this toast is coupled, Sir John Jordan. (Applause.) I am afraid that Sir John was wondering whether I had forgotten him, but I was not likely to forget one who has rendered such signal service to his country. (Hear, hear.) I am sure that no one in this room tonight could look upon a gathering of old Chinese hands as complete without his Excellency's kindly presence. (Hear, hear.) It is quite unnecessary for me to enlarge on the accomplishments which have made his career a memorable one, and you are all familiar with his charming and courteous personality which has endeared him to all who have come in contact with him. (Applause.) I did want to try to-night to get from you some more concrete and more real mark of our appreciation of his services. The last time I met Sir John in China was at the first Congress of the British Chambers of Commerce held in Shanghai last November. As a result of that conference a body has been formed called, I think, the Associated British Chambers of Commerce in China and

Hongkong, with Headquarters at Shanghai. It is a body capable of gathering and concentrating British public opinion from all parts of China at any moment and on any given subject. This I believed—and I think Sir John believes—to be the foundation of that greater co-operation which I believe to be essential among us in order that we may keep our end up in the difficult times before us. Sir John said at the Conference that it was the most interesting experience of his life, and that he wished it had come at the beginning instead of at the end of his career. I do not believe that we could offer him a more acceptable testimony of our appreciation of his services, than by pledging ourselves to-night to make a success of that new organisation. (Hear, hear.) There is a danger that in the first flush, with half-hearted support, it may become one of those futile and useless organisations which cumber the earth in so many places, but with whole-hearted support and by sparing your best man to attend the annual conference and by supporting it by all that in you is, I think it will become a powerful asset at the back of Sir John's successor at Peking, as well as a strong and virile force for the promotion, not only of our own interests in China, but of the interests of the Chinese and of China herself.

SIR JOHN JORDAN ON THE CONSULAR OFFICER AND BRITISH MERCHANT.

The Rt. Hon. Sir John Jordan, in reply said: Any success which I achieved in Peking was due very largely to the excellent staff which I had at the Legation. No man had a better staff than I did, composed equally of diplomatic and consular men. I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my deep gratitude to the men who served with me during all these long years in Peking. I think that we in Peking would be the first to admit that during the storm and stress of the war years, it was the Consular Service in China that bore the heat and burden of the day. That is the service of which I still may consider myself a member. I should like to say just a word about that service, with which I have been connected for over forty years. It is in many ways a wonderful service; it has a wonderful vitality. I am one of four who went to China forty-four years ago, and we have served in the aggregate over 150 years in China. We are all here now at home hoping to draw pensions—or the little that remains of them after income-tax is paid—for a long time to come. (Applause.) Moreover, we are not by any means the seniors in that service. There is here to-night, I think, as a guest, Sir John McLeary Brown, who retains all his mental vigour

and encyclopaedic knowledge. He joined that service 52 years ago. (Applause.) We have also here to-night Mr. Byron Bensusan, who still carries about the country on a bicycle, and who was ten years in China when I arrived. He gave me my first lessons in Chinese, and very soon gave it up as a hopeless job. (Laughter.) We have other members of the service here—mere striplings and youths, including Mr. Jamieson and Mr. Fox, who have both become great persons. Mr. Jamieson holds the keys of the mysteries of the politics of the South. Mr. Fox is a commercial attaché, I hope those two gentlemen recognise that their success is all due to my early training. (Laughter.)

Mr. Dodwell has spoken of Consular salaries. I did not intend to speak about that subject, but I think I ought to mention it, and I do so with no sense of grievance whatever, because I have no grievance. No man has been better treated than I have. I went to China from a part of the world where there was a sort of glamour of the East—the North of Ireland. The two Laurences had gone out and Nicholson had gone to India. At the time I went to China the state of Ireland was not as happy and contented as it is now. (Laughter.) So I had to leave it. I was over eight years in China before I came home on my first leave, and those eight years I received £200 a year, for that was the state of the Service in those days. I remember very well that we all put on our worst clothes and went up to the Foreign Office in a body to demand more. We got a great deal of sympathy, but no more. (Laughter.) In those days there were no D.C.T.'s or D.B.I.'s. The service has improved immensely, and the conditions of service are very much better, thanks largely to this Association both in China and here, and thanks also, I would add, to the considerate treatment of the Foreign Office. The Service has at last been placed on a footing which is perfectly satisfactory, in my opinion, and which will ensure a maximum of efficiency in the future. It is the greatest satisfaction which I have in retiring from the Service that this change took place before my name disappeared from the active list. (Applause.) I was only a component part of the machine in China. I have referred to the staff in Peking, and now I would speak of another part—perhaps the most important—of the whole machinery, the part which justifies our existence—and that is the British merchant in China. Generations of British merchants in China have built up a reputation which may be equalled, but I am certain is not surpassed in any part of the world,

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would come. (Laughter.) That reminds me of a little experience we had on Hongkong, and which possibly he has forgotten. Sir Henry and I are similar in a good many respects, but we have one thing in common; we are both enthusiastic but very poor exponents of the royal and ancient game of golf, and I remember once playing with Sir Henry. We had arrived by devious routes at the 11th tee where I pulled my tee-shot into the rough and lost a ball. Sir Henry, sportsman as he is, helped me to look for it. We searched for a few minutes, and on looking up I was astounded to see the representative of H.M. disappearing into the distance as hard as his legs would carry him with what looked like a halo round his head. On closer inspection this halo turned out to be a swarm of hornets. Well, Sir Henry has stirred up a good many hornets' nests in his time. (Laughter.) That was the first occasion, however, on which I ever knew him preferring not to face the consequences. (Laughter.) Thanks to his agility, he escaped all but two of his pursuers, and was not sufficiently badly stung to prevent my enjoying a little quiet amusement behind his back. At the next hole he put his ball into the rough and lost it. I went to look for it and still chuckling over his misfortune, put my own foot into a hornets' nest. I always

remember thinking as I addressed the ball on the next tee that Sir Henry was enjoying a little laugh behind my back.

We also have with us to-night one who has administered the Government of Hongkong very ably on several occasions, Mr. Claude Severn. He is a guest, and therefore, does come within my province. Upon the last occasion on which he relinquished the Acting Governorship the only fault that the Press and the public of Hongkong could find with him was the absence of a lady at Government House. At the Chamber of Commerce dinner which we gave to him just prior to his departure I expressed every confidence that that defect would be remedied during his holidays, and my confidence was not misplaced, and we have to-night to add to our hearty welcome our hearty congratulations. (Applause.) He and I have also something in common. We occupied similar positions during the war in Hongkong—privates in the Defence Corps, and I leave to your imagination which of our manly figures appealed to our Chinese friends the most. (Laughter.) I flatter myself that upon one occasion I did impress them; and, in fact, I was the innocent cause of quite a panic in the colony. It was shortly after the war broke out that the military authorities, finding that they had a few thousand dollars of our military contribution in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, decided that a military guard of eight men should be provided, and the Defence Corps was

and that reputation stood us as a great asset during the recent war. During those four or five years we had to rely largely upon our own resources, and could not expect very much assistance from home, and that asset was most valuable to us in dealing with the Chinese. This is not the place to deal with the problems which confronted us during those anxious years, but one thing I can say, that these problems would not have been dealt with, and the difficulties would not have been overcome, had it not been for the co-operation of all the British communities at the ports in China. (Applause.) I assure you that there are men here to-night, whose names I dare not mention, but who assisted us locally in endless ways and who actually sent small contingents of men to the Front at their own expense. (Applause.)

The Chairman has spoken about education. I do not think that we are doing anything whatever in this respect; as regards Chinese education we are miles behind. (Hear, hear.) The United States in this alone have received more students than there are in this country altogether, and that is a remarkable fact. France is making provision for Chinese students in great numbers, though fortunately some are leaving France

and coming here. I know a great deal about it because I have been to Oxford and Cambridge and have also seen all the Chinese students in London. They are all most anxious to come to this country, as they consider that education here is better than it is elsewhere. It is not provided, however, and I agree with the Chairman and hope that the Government will do something; but, as I have urged time after time in China, I think that the British merchant in China ought to do something, and then I think the Government will be ashamed into doing something. I believe that in the United States several cities at the present moment provide for Chinese students. Seattle, for instance, takes a number every year. We do nothing, and it is a matter which will go on in the future and will affect our British trade very closely indeed if something is not done very soon. As to the present state of China, it is very difficult, with my superiors in the Foreign Office here, to say much that would interest you. Before I left China the *North China Daily News* paid me a pleasant compliment. They said that I had an uncanny way of peering into the future and forecasting what was going to happen in

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### NOTABLE SEND-OFF.

#### MR. AND MRS. STABB DEPART.

NOISY ACCOMPANIMENT.

Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E., retiring Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Mrs. Stabb, sailed to-day on the "Columbia" for San Francisco, on their way back to England.

If they had hoped to get away quietly, their wishes were not realized. They were given a send-off long to be remembered. It was a send-off, in fact, that occupied the full attention of the downtown section of the city while it lasted. It attracted a big crowd, blocked traffic, and even interrupted the proceedings of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Stabb had been thirty-four years in the service of the bank, and had spent thirty of them in the East. Consequently there was more than the usual amount of sentiment attached to his retirement. His many friends outside the bank, as well as his associates in the institution, united to give emphasis to this fact, and to see him off with proper ceremony.

All morning, until the time came for Mr. and Mrs. Stabb to take their departure, the bank was thronged with friends who came to say goodbye. Mrs. Stabb was the recipient of many bouquets of flowers. And while this reception was going on, the Chinese staff of the bank was quietly busy on the outside making preparations for its own special demonstration.

By means of an improvised scaffolding, three long strings of big fire crackers were suspended in front of the bank building. One of the strings was 60 feet, the two others 45 feet, in length. When at length Mr. and Mrs. Stabb made their appearance in the doorway, to start for the boat, attendants touched matches to the fuses at the bottom of the three strings. The fire crackers did the rest. They went off with a roar, and what was more, they kept it up.

They kept it up while members of the staff of the bank raised Mr. Stabb to their shoulders and started off with him to Statue Wharf, where a launch was waiting. Others carried Mrs. Stabb in a sedan chair. And they kept it up while the procession, accompanied by many friends, and trailed by an immense crowd of Chinese, went down the wharf. And with the pop of exploding fire crackers, it brought to the windows

### KINEMA NOTES.

#### HONGKONG THEATRE.

INCREASING POPULARITY.

The current programme at the Hongkong Theatre is in keeping with the high standards the theatre has been maintaining, which is saying a good deal. Of late, the Hongkong has had an unusually successful list of offerings, presenting some of the most entertaining pictures that have visited the Colony, a number of them being worthy of much greater exploitation than they have had. Because of its roominess and the admirable arrangement of its seats, assuring every visitor of an uninterrupted view of the screen, combined with its excellent programmes, the popularity of the Hongkong has increased greatly—a well deserved tribute to its success.

and verandahs of the buildings along the route a throng of spectators. In the Supreme Court, where Mr. Justice Wood was hearing a case, it was impossible to hear the witness, and the Judge smilingly suspended the proceedings until the noise died away. When quiet had been restored, Mr. and Mrs. Stabb said their good-byes to those who had accompanied them. Their bags were already on the launch. The flowers were loaded on. And then, while some of the staff of the bank stood by the steps and sang "Will he no come back again?" and "For they are jolly good fellows," and cheered over and over again, the launch pulled away, with Mr. and Mrs. Stabb waving to their well-wishers ashore, and disappeared in the direction of the steamer. Among those who saw them off were the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, and others of prominence.

A farewell dinner was given Mr. and Mrs. Stabb last night by the foreign staff of the institution, at the bank's mess, and they were presented with a silver tea service. Mr. and Mrs. Stabb expect to remain in the United States for several weeks, and will sail from New York for England some time in March on the "Mauretania." Mr. Stabb was born in Newfoundland, and served for several years in the New York branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

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### ENTERTAINMENT.

#### CHEFALO AND PALERMO, MAGICIANS.

SEASON OPENS HERE ON SATURDAY WEEK.

A SEASON of Laughter and Mystery will be commenced at the THEATRE ROYAL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY WEEK, January 3th, by two of the World's Greatest Magicians, Chefalo and Palermo, gentlemen and lady, two natives of Italy, who finished their schooling in America, and have been travelling the world for twelve years mystifying and delighting millions of people as testified by the wonderful press reports which they have received. For their entertainment here they have selected the best of the work in almost every country in the world and added it to their own extensive inventions, for Chefalo is an inventor as well as a magician, and thus they present an attraction that is nowhere else to be found in the world—hence their universal success. They recently conducted a big season in Australia, and the Sydney Daily Telegraph wrote of them: "More than two hours of mystery, which entertained as well as puzzled, left the audience non-plussed. Original illusions caused no end of wonderment. Signor Chefalo has an endless repertoire to dispense. The application of the title 'necromancer, thaumaturgo, and magician' is fully warranted. Signorina Palermo, who is claimed to be the only professional magician, on the stage, plays a big part towards weaving the web of mysticism. The constant vein of humour introduced through the whole show was to the delight of the audience. It did not take long for Chefalo's personality to spread contagiously in his favour. The 'magic glove' left plenty of room for hard thinking and was something never before seen on the Sydney stage as well as were most of his other tricks, and Sydney has seen the best of the world's conjurers. The 'horoscopic ball' was responsible for shrieks of laughter in its weird fortune telling. A travesty on spiritualism, another mirth provoker, left the audience in a happy mood. Signorina Palermo makes the atmosphere heavier with skillful exhibitions of the magic art amid beautiful settings on the stage while her wardrobe was an eye opener. The display of Spanish dancing, and with Chefalo, the Argentine tango dance, served up an unusually liberal evening's offering. The loperdomain and magic of Chefalo and Palermo are all original and well worth seeing. Seats for the season here can be booked in advance at Moutrie's daily, where early application should be made.

#### ARMY CHIEF ARRIVES.

MAJ-GEN. SIR G. M. KIRKPATRICK.

SUCCEEDS MAJ-GEN. VENTRIS.

Major-General Sir George M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., C.B., who succeeds Major-General Francis Ventriss, C.B., as General Officer Commanding the Troops, arrived this morning on the transport "Bremen" and was received with the customary honours.

Major-General Sir George has had a distinguished military career. He is the son of the late Sir George Airey Kirkpatrick, K.C.M.G., ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. He entered the R.E. in 1885; became Captain in 1894; Major in 1903; and Colonel in 1906. He was A.D.C. to the G.O.C. Thames District, from 1892 to 1895; D.A.A.G., South Africa, 1899 to 1902; D.A.Q.M.G., Canada, 1902 to 1904; Headquarters, 1904-6; and General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, India, 1906-10. He served in South Africa, 1899-1902 (despatches twice, brevet of Major and Lt.-Col.; Queen's medal, 5 clasps; King's medal, 2 clasps). He was Inspector-General, Military Forces of Australia, 1910-14; in European War 1914-15, and promoted to Major-General; passed Staff College; was Director of Military Operations, India, 1914-15; and Chief of General Staff, Army Headquarters, India, since 1916.

The "Bremen" brought also relief for H.M.S. "Carlisle" and H.M.S. "Tamar." The vessel will undergo alterations to provide more accommodations for troops, and is expected to sail about January 10. Major-General Ventriss, the retiring General Officer Commanding the Troops, will leave by the "Sicilia" on January 1.

#### RACING.

MORE GRIFPINS ARRIVE.

DRAW TO-DAY.

Eleven subscription griffins having arrived per s.s. "Yunnan," they will be drawn for to-day at the Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay, at 5.15 p.m. to-day.

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### FURTHER WAR IN HAINAN.

[China Mail Special.]

Kiungchow, Hainan, Dec. 22.

After the regular troops under the military governor, Soa Beng Hoang, had cleared out the irregulars under Li Fok Lung, in Hoibow, they decided to attack the insurgent leader Sin Ki Zi. On Saturday, December 4, the bulk of the regulars in Kiungchow and Hoibow went to attack the insurgents. The outcome is not fully known yet. It seems that the insurgents retreated to their stronghold in Dengang which is a walled city. Have the regulars met a sharp repulse, for the over-confidence of their leading troops led them into a trap near the walls of the city, and it is reported that over a hundred perished there. Although the main force of the insurgents seems to have remained in Dengang City, large detachments went elsewhere. The regular troops are still besieging Dengang City. Meanwhile a large detachment of insurgents crept down close to Kiungchow City, and attacked on Monday, December 20. The attack did not last long, however, for the few regulars left in the city went out to attack them, and the insurgents withdrew to a place about ten miles away, where the battle still continues. Rumour has it that a strong Cantonese force is soon to land, so both factions will be superseded.

### PASSENGERS.

#### DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. "Columbia" to-day—Mrs. H. W. Bromfield, Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Bronson, Messrs. B. Bland, O. T. Cooke, J. E. Cooley, T. T. Chastain, Mrs. L. Dugarno, Miss L. E. Dreyfus, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Dwyer, Messrs. John Dietz, O. P. Elkington, Capt. and Mrs. O. O. Fitzhugh, Mrs. J. C. H. Ferguson, Mrs. C. Field, Messrs. J. H. Green, F. Goble, Miss H. M. Hewitt, Mrs. R. J. Harbridge, Messrs. W. D. Kraft, L. D. Laidy, E. Leona, G. Most, Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McClure, Messrs. T. W. Naylor, Y. V. Niederhausen, D. L. Ridgeon, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Stabb, Miss M. Schneider, Messrs. W. P. Strawson, Y. Shimada, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Schoob, Mr. F. W. E. Trijessnaet, Miss Grace M. Turton, Messrs. H. M. Turke, R. U. Umsted, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wearne, Miss M. L. Wearne, Messrs. C. F. Webb, H. Wilson and Capt. L. Zwal.

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